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TEN CENTS A WEEK

JAPANESE LOSSES

ESTIMATED 100,000

Russians Claim Mikado's Army Is Demoralized.

MAD RACE IS "ON TO HARBIN!"

General Linevitch Reports that His Army Is Retreating in Good Order, and that He Is Pleased with the New Recruits Sent Him.

Gunshoe Pass, 108 miles north of Tie Pass, Manchuria, March 21.—The Japanese losses are estimated at the Russian headquarters to be 100,000. Some of the troops employed to cover the retreat from Mukden were badly demoralized, losing their way in the hills eastward and only rejoining their own divisions.

So certain was General Kuropatkin of being able to hold Mukden that maps of the country northward were not even distributed. Kuropatkin however resolved to accept battle against his better judgment, owing to the impatience of St. Petersburg for victory, or he was confirmed in this decision by false calculations of Field Marshal Oyama's strength.

One of the main factors of the success of the Japanese were their violation of Chinese neutrality in the use of the Shumintin road.

News From St. Petersburg.

St. Petersburg, March 21.—1:15 p.m.—General Linevitch's headquarters has been established for the present at Chenchlawatru, situated at the crossing of the Sungari river, whence he is directing the retreat of the three armies and disposing of the fresh troops of the Fourth corps just arrived from European Russia.

The protection of the Sungari bridge is vital to the salvation of the army, as the river is not fordable below Kirin, and once the line of the river is passed and the bridge blown up, the Japanese pursuit will be effectually checked. At the same time the second army is falling back of the line of the railroad, while the First and Third with the transports are retreating along the Mandarin road to Kirin, both destroying bridges and roads and denuding the country behind them and making it impossible for the Japanese to live in their immediate wake without their own commissariat. The Japanese are advancing over the grand trade route 20 miles west of railroad. However, they could probably live on the country, the road just before the opening of the navigation of the Liao river being crowded with Chinese provisions on the way to market southward. Apparently it is a question as to which army will outmarch the other.

In view of the increasing number of doctors required at the front an official order was published today permitting during the war the appointment of students to medical posts and allowing foreigners to join the service.

News from Tie Pass.

Kaopontz, March 19.—Evening, via Tien Tsin. March 20.—(Delayed in Transmission.)—A Norwegian trader accompanied the Russian retreat to Tie Pass and with a single companion crossed over to Fokoman, following the water courses to avoid the Russian patrols from Hongtzeun. The Russians left Mukden with five columns of infantry, in the center of which were two lines of commissariat flanking the body and cavalry acting as screens farther afield.

The demoralized troops discarded their boots and equipments and abandoned their transport carts, left guns and carriages, using the harness to save as much as possible.

All the last day at Tie Pass the Cossacks looted the booths and traders sold champagne at a rousie a bottle and smashed and burned everything unobtainable. They caught a Japanese spy, who upon retreating, was killed. The guilty Cossacks were shot a quarter of an hour later.

Lieutenant General Mitchenko, with 6,000 Ural Cossacks, some European cavalry and two batteries of artillery,

is now operating on the Russian extreme left.

Major General Fukushima has visited Hsinmintun and perfected arrangements for the installation of a Japanese garrison there and it is probable that in the future that town will be considered within the war zone and all persons arriving there will be required to have a pass.

Believed Big Battle in Progress.

London, March 22.—Russian official circles in London, although without official news are inclined to credit a Harbin story published in Paris concerning the firing reported to have been heard yesterday morning about 7 miles south of Tie Pass with General Rennenkampff's division. The dispatch from Harbin points out that the only explanation of a cannonade in that locality is that Rennenkampff has at length arrived at Tie Pass where the Russian armies were ordered to rendezvous in case of retreat but only to find the place occupied by the Japanese. Consequently it is feared that Rennenkampff is now surrounded.

ITALIANS SATISFIED WITH PLANS

Believe America Will Take Care of All Interests in San Domingo.

New York, March 22.—The Italian cruiser Calabria has been in the port of Santo Domingo, according to the Herald correspondent there, since Tuesday on a special mission to ascertain if the American protocol sufficiently guarantees the Italian claims aggregating a large sum secured by a previous lien on the port receipts. If a satisfactory assurance was lacking, the Calabria was prepared, the correspondent continues, to take the custom house of some port, collect the revenues and liquidate the claims.

The commander of the Calabria, Marcella, aide in the staff of Prince Tommaso di Savoia, uncle of the king, and grand admiral of the Italian navy, informed the Italian charge in the affairs, Luigi di Cambiaso, of the character of the demand dealt directly with the American minister, Mr. Dawson, and Senator Sanchez, Minister of foreign affairs, who referred to article I of the protocol as evidence, and just purpose of the American convention.

Minister Dawson regretted he was unable to give more explicit assurances, and expressed the belief that the Italian claims, would be safeguarded if the convention were ratified. Vicini, Bancalari & Co., Italian claimants are satisfied with the American plan.

TRIED TO CASH LARGE CHECK.

Young Man Wanted \$2,500,000 from Bank—Believed He Is Crazy.

New York, March 22.—A well dressed young man who told the police that his name was Nicholas Weiss and that he formerly lived in West Virginia, was taken to Bellevue hospital for examination as to his sanity, after he had attempted to cash a check for \$2,500,000 at a private bank on the East Side. The check was made payable to Weiss and when the young man entered the bank he carried a satchel in which he said he expected to take away the money.

In Weiss' pockets the police found a costly gold watch and a letter from the White House at Washington. The envelope was postmarked Nov. 12, 1904, and contained one of President Roosevelt's cards with the inscription: "The president thanks you for your congratulations."

Philadelphia Commits Suicide.

New York, March 22.—Andrew M. Griscom, of Philadelphia, who disappeared from Philadelphia several weeks ago and was supposed to be in Europe committed suicide March 19, jumping overboard at sea from the steamer Minnetonka. Griscom sailed on the Minnetonka from London for this city. It is supposed that he was temporarily unbalanced mentally.

Prominent Confederate Veteran Dead.

St. Louis, March 22.—John L. Boland, for many years prominent in St. Louis business circles, and a Confederate veteran, is dead at his country home near here. Mr. Boland was born in Ballington, Va., and leaves three daughters and two sons.

FIFTY FOUR BODIES HAVE BEEN FOUND

People Begin to Realize the Extent of Great Calamity.

BELIEVED NEARLY 100 MISSING

Searching Parties Worked All Night For Bodies at Brockton—Mayor Issues Call for Public Funeral of Victims of Disaster.

Brockton, Mass., March 22.—A realization of the extent of the disaster which had come to the city of Brockton yesterday in the wrecking of the great wooden shoe factory of R. B. Grover company, and the ensuing terrible loss of life came more clearly to the citizens today when they awoke to a full knowledge of the horrors attendant upon a catastrophe.

All night long the work of searching for the bodies of victims of the explosion and fire continued with unremitting zeal. The work was not rewarded until after midnight by the finding of any additional bodies until 7 o'clock today, when the remains of a human being were found in the boiler pit. Considering the mystery attached to the disappearance of David W. Rockwell, the engineer, who was in charge of the boiler which exploded, the police believe the body found today was that of the engineer.

Rockwell was reported to have been rescued yesterday badly injured and later to have died, but the police were not able to subsequently locate his body. It seemed more likely to the police today that Rockwell, near as he was to the explosion, was the first to meet death. The body of Steven Snow, 83 years old, one of the oldest workmen in the Grover plant, was identified today by his son.

The finding of the remains supposed to be that of the engineer, made the fifty-fourth body thus far taken from the ruined factory. The figures at hand early today showed that about two hundred and sixty persons were at work in the factory when the explosion occurred, had been accounted for and that between 50 and 100 persons are missing.

Mayor Keith issued a notice today requesting every clerkman in the city to meet with him at 3 o'clock this afternoon at the City Hall to make arrangements for public funeral services for the victims of the accident, suggesting Thursday afternoon as a desirable time for them to be held. He added also that it seemed best to bury those bodies whose identification would be impossible in the city cemetery at Melrose. Mayor Keith said the raking over of the ruins would be resumed today with a larger force of men at work. He expressed the opinion that perhaps a considerable number of bodies would be found in that portion of the plant not yet explored.

A more careful search of the boiler pit in which the remains were found today resulted in the finding of a watch, the rubber heel of a shoe and a torn piece of clothing, all of which when shown to Mrs. Rockwell, the wife of the engineer, were identified by her as belonging to her husband. Then the police found a part of a chair with a pillow of a human frame in it, from which they inferred that Rockwell was sitting beside his boiler when the explosion came and was killed instantly. The police are satisfied that the report yesterday that the engineer had been taken out alive was due to the confusion of Rockwell with another employee.

With reference to the cause of the blowing up of the boiler Josiah F. Gibbs, assistant engineer at the Brockton Sewage station, who was with Eugene Rockwell at the Grover factory 5 minutes before the accident occurred, said today that when he left Rockwell the steam was below the safety limit and there was plenty of water in the boiler, but that he was running the old boiler. The police say today in explaining the failure of a number of employees to report their escape, cited an instance which indicated to them that many of the workmen were dazed from the explosion.

TRAGEDY IN ALABAMA TOWN.

Former Atlantan Kills Man Near Birmingham Over Pool Game.

Birmingham, Ala., March 22.—John McConnell, formerly of Atlanta, Ga., shot and instantly killed Steve Naylor in a saloon at Nineteenth street and Avenue C, at Ensley.

The trouble which resulted in the killing was begun in the early part of the evening in a nearby pool room, where Naylor and some others were playing pool, McConnell keeping the score.

Naylor charged McConnell with unfairness toward him and with cheating him out of a game. This was resented, but friends prevented further trouble at the time. Later they met in Brothers' saloon and the difficulty was renewed. Naylor drew his pistol, fired five shots at McConnell, but as he was in the act of firing the last, McConnell, who had a shotgun near, picked it up, loaded it, and shot his assailant, the load taking effect in the left breast, producing instant death.

McConnell calmly stationed himself and awaited the arrival of the police, to whom he surrendered and stated that the shooting had been done in self defense.

TWO MEN KILLED IN WRECK.

Fast Freight Train Runs Into Open Switch with Fatal Results.

Fort Smith, Ark., March 22.—A fast freight train on the Choctaw branch of the Rock Island system ran into an open switch today at Potter, a flag station between Wister and Howe, I. T., wrecking the entire train, which included two cars of cattle. The engine and cattle cars were turned over.

The engineer was buried under the engine and was dead when taken out. His name could not be learned. Fireman Hildebrandt had both legs crushed off below the knees. An unknown tramp riding on the cattle car was killed, together with a large number of cattle.

One of the cattle owners riding on top of a car had his leg broken, and a brakeman was injured about the head. The dead and injured were taken to Haleyville, the headquarters of the train crew.

LETTER PRONOUNCED FORGERY.

North Carolina Woman Says She Did Not Say Negro Was Innocent.

Raleigh, N. C., March 22.—Governor Glenn has received an affidavit from Mrs. Lillie Ada Hales, of Fayetteville, denying that she wrote the letter he received Saturday to the effect that she had sworn falsely against Walter Partridge, the negro under sentence to be hanged April 1 for criminal assault on her.

She insists that he is the guilty party, and urges that the sentence be not interfered with.

County Attorney S. A. Halar arrived from Fayetteville this morning, and in conference with the governor said it was very probable the forgery of Mrs. Hales' signature to the letter was written in the jail by Partridge or some fellow-prisoner.

There seems to be no indication now that there will be any interference with the death sentence April 6.

Robbers Get Bag of Gold.

Berkely, Cal., March 22.—J. E. Daly, an Oakland liverman, who was acting as a messenger for the central bank of Oakland, was held up and robbed of \$10,000. He was on his way to the Standard Oil refinery at Point Richmond. There were two highwaymen. Both carried revolvers, but only one wore a mask. The highwayman jumped out of a clump of brush at the side of the road and at once covered Daly and former Deputy Sheriff Roach, who was riding with him. At the point of revolvers Daly and Roach were compelled to jump from the buggy and give up the sack of gold.

Court Upholds Anti Trust Law.

Columbus, O., March 22.—The supreme court today upheld the constitutionality of the criminal section of the valentine anti-trust law. The civil section had already been passed upon as constitutional some time ago. The section bears upon the alleged forming of combines in restraint of trade.

ROBBERS WRECKED PASSENGER TRAIN

Spikes Removed and Rails Had Been Misplaced.

SIX INJURED; NONE FATALLY

Wreck Occurred on a 45-Foot Embankment—Engine Completely Stripped, Mail Car Demolished and Buffet and Sleepers Damaged.

Des Moines, Iowa, March 22.—Rock Island officials here say that the wreck of the Rocky Mountain limited near Homestead, Iowa, which happened early today, was the work of robbers, who succeeded in escaping.

Six persons were injured in the wreck, three of them fatally.

An examination of the tracks developed that the spikes for nearly the length of a rail had been removed. The wreck occurred on a high embankment, the road being soft from the recent thaws and rains.

The two Denver, Colo., sleepers landed in the ditch on the end, the embankment at that point being about 35 feet high. The engine, mail car and composite car also went down the embankment. The following message, giving the cause of the disaster, was telegraphed from Homestead to Assistant General Manager W. M. Hobbs, in Chicago, by the division roadmaster:

"The wreck was caused by an unknown person removing spikes, bars and angle bars and misplacing the rails. Spikes were removed from two rails on the south side of the track. The engine and first four cars were thrown down a 45-foot embankment. The engine was completely stripped, the mail car destroyed, the buffet car on its side and two sleepers badly damaged."

CHARGED WITH MURDER.

Sensational Testimony Given in the Famous Kentucky Trial.

Lexington, Ky., March 22.—The inquiry into the case of the Hargises and Callahan, charged with complicity in the murder of Cockrell, for the purpose of deciding the question of admitting them to bail was resumed today. A sensational story was told by A. C. Rowman, foreman of the Breathitt county grand jury. He testified that when the grand jury was investigating the case against Will Britton for killing Cockrell, for which he afterward was given a life sentence, Riley Coldiron had just given sensational testimony against Britton.

At this point Alex Hargis rushed into the grand jury room and by threats and angry attitude, compelled the grand jury to adjourn, after vainly trying to get it to investigate a charge of perjury brought by Britton's friends against Coldiron. Rowman said the case was dropped and never resumed by them through fear.

Policyholders May Control.

New York, March 22.—To consider the proposed plan to commit the control of the Equitable Life Assurance Society of the United States in part to its policyholders a meeting of the special committee of seven of its directors was held in the society's office today. The committee was composed of James A. Alexander, the president and leader on the movement for the mutualization; James H. Hyde, vice president and owner of a majority of the society's capital stock; and Cornelius N. Bliss.

Cotton Destroyed by Fire.

Charlotte, N. C., March 22.—At Matthews, 16 miles from this city, fire destroyed 31 of 190 bales of cotton that was on the station platform. The fire was first discovered at 2 o'clock this morning, and before it could be extinguished nearly one-third of the entire lot was completely consumed. The loss will fall on the Seaboard Air Line, as the cotton was placed on the platform Saturday afternoon by a firm in the town, and the railroad accepted all risks.